

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 10-12, 14-20, 37-41, 43, 44, 46-50 and 52-55, and the indication that claims 1-3, 5-9, 22-31 and 33-36 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-20, 22-31, 33-41, 43, 44, 46-50 and 52-55 are now pending, with claims 1, 5-8, 10 and 19 being the independent claims. Claims 4, 21 and 32 have been canceled.

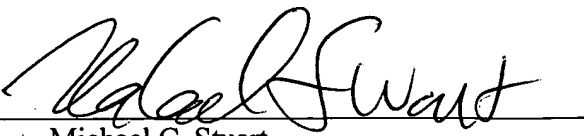
Claims 5-8 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of independent claim 4, respectively. Since claims 5-8 were indicated to contain allowable subject matter, as noted previously, Applicants submit that independent claims 5-8 are now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 24-29 and 33-36 all depend from these independent claims and are therefore allowable because the independent claims are allowable. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated February 3, 2006, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 9, 21-25, 27, 30-33 and 48 were objected to based on certain informalities. In response to the objections, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 5 in a manner that is believed to address each specific objection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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